

The Northwest Highlands

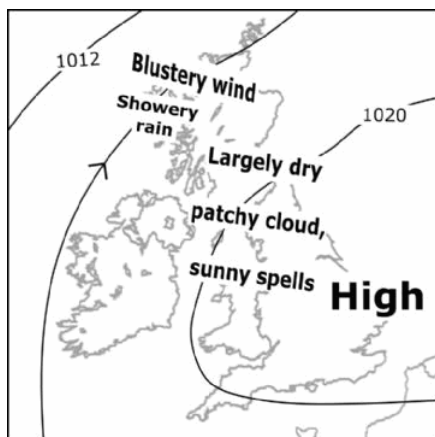
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Monday, 28 September, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 28 September, 2026

Breezy over Scottish mountains, windier further northwest, feeling chilly. Showery for western Lochaber, Mull and around Skye, tending to fade during afternoon. Largely dry elsewhere, varied cloud over hills in morning, lifting and breaking above many tops with some sunshine. Lighter winds for England & Wales.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Windy on hills. Showery Skye and nearby coast, better north/east.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 28 September, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	South-southwesterly 25 to 35mph, strongest near the west coast and on Skye, tending to lessen in afternoon. Then into night, strengthening southeasterly to gusty 25-35mph. Blustery and affecting ease of walking and balance on exposed west coast ridges, some gusty spots; feeling chilly.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers mostly toward Skye, fewer later Showery rain most frequent on Skye and nearby coast up to Torridon, odd brief heavier moments mainly in the morning, tending to fade through afternoon. A few showers graze west coasts further north at times. Often dry further inland, north and east.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Mostly coastal mountains near Skye Banks of cloud most persistent around Skye above 800m, some lower patches on southern slopes in rain. Capping higher slopes near west coast elsewhere at times, but breaks inland and east above 1000m. Bases tending to rise slightly and break more with time. 30% Skye, to 60% inland/east; generally rising chance afternoon.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly cloudy west coast and slight haze, some glimpses of sun. Occasional sun more often toward the east, where visibility very good.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	4C rising 7C. Feeling like -2 to -5C in the wind. Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 29 September	Wednesday 30 September
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southeasterly 35 to 50mph, turbulent gusts downslope toward the northwest; speeds tend to rise during day. Challenging walking conditions on exposed terrain, but sudden buffeting also to some lower elevations.	Southerly 40 to 60mph, but at times 70mph over west coastal mountains, particularly higher Cuillin. Challenging walking conditions, frequent buffeting knocking you off balance, any mobility at times difficult.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Possible rain later Likely dry much of the day, but later pulses of rain may spread in from the south.	Heavy rain for a time A band of heavy rain moves northeastward across the region, likely most persistent around Skye early in the day, tending to break up, followed by a few showers.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly on southern slopes Some banks of cloud forming on southern slopes, particularly south Cuillin, locally too near the North Sea coast. Toward and north of Ullapool many hills may be clear.	Lifting and breaking, more cloud Skye Extensive cloud over the hills in early rain, then lifting rapidly and clearing many hills, though patches may linger especially south-facing slopes, often capping Cuillin.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun fairly weak through high cloud, may become mainly a thick veil of cloud. Visibility good, but increasingly hazy.	Sunshine breaking through as rain clears. Poor visibility in rain, then improving, but west coast stays fairly hazy.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5 to 7C, rising to 10C, increasingly humid; may rise slightly more by evening onward. Above the summits.	Humid 12C or above from dawn, dropping during the day to a fresher 8C. Feeling near/below freezing in the wind. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 29 September, 2026**

Strong southeasterly winds by Tuesday, widely gales on mountains with turbulent downslope gusts toward the west; some rain developing from the south during the day, becoming heavy later - a band of rain moves northeast into early Wednesday, leaving blustery south-southwesterlies into Wednesday and Thursday, showery in the west. Some occasional rain further ahead, but more often looking drier as higher pressure tends to expand further north during early October. Mostly mild temperatures, some cooler nights develop.

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